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TO : Mr. Tolson

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FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: NATION MAGAZINE

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With reference to the recommendations set forth in my attached memorandum of July 7th, I talked to David Karr about the incident which his wife wrote about in the May 1 issue of Nation Magazine attributing to an FBI report on the subject of a loyalty investigation the statement: "He is the kind of person who permits his negro maid to come and go by the front door." I told him the facts and read him a portion of the report pertaining to Joseph Rauh. Karr said his wife should never have printed the statement she did and he apologized on her behalf and stated his wife would watch for an opportunity to correct the matter and in addition they would go after the informant.

I talked to Philip Graham, the Assistant to the Publisher of the Post who has been out of town, this morning. He said he thought that the Bureau should be commended for preparing a report in the manner in which it did because by setting forth the details it explained very carefully how much credibility should be attached to the witness who said that Rauh was Communistically inclined. He also mentioned that while he had heard the story from different persons, he thought that Wayne Coy could have been a little more objective in telling the story. He further stated he had heard numerous rumors about the FBI and he thought we should keep this incident in the back of our minds and he would like sometime as soon as the convention was over to do something in the Post to spike some of the unfounded rumors being spread about the FBI. He mentioned the Schlesinger case and the case of the writer, "B.C.B." I told him that I did not know what the Director would do but that he had been considering writing a letter to the Post on the B. C. B. incident. Graham suggested that if the Director would write a letter they would certainly give it a good play; that he frankly was convinced that "B.C.B." was lying in his letter and he apologized for the Post's having been caught off-base. He further stated he had issued orders that before any other such letters are to be published they are to be checked very carefully and are to be brought to his personal attention. I told him we would be glad in each case to check into the matter. I frankly think that some good has been accomplished in this matter.

I also talked to Robert Esterbrook who was very apologetic and who stated that the Bureau had been done an injustice and that he for one will be on the alert for such matters in the future. He incidentally invited me to have lunch with him today, which I am doing.

ADDENDUM:LBN:MP 7-13-48 - I saw Esterbrook. He is a product

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of Cedar Rapids, Iowa. He formerly worked on the Cedar Rapids Gazette. He inquired of you stating he had met you on several occasions when you dropped into the office to see Verne Marshall some years ago. There was nothing of any great significance. The general conclusion on his part was that the Bureau is doing a good job but that a lot of people fear the Bureau and that something should be done to educate against it. He did not know exactly what to do but he will try to straighten out the next person who questions him about the matter.

While he invited me to lunch, he did not have enough money with him to pay for the lunch and I got stuck, much to his embarrassment.

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